



## HOCKEY HALL OF FAME APPOINTS HONOURED MEMBER JOE SAKIC TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

TORONTO (January 11, 2023) – **Lanny McDonald**, Chair of the Board of the Hockey Hall of Fame, announced today the appointment of **Joe Sakic** to the Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee as confirmed at the Directors’ meeting held this morning. The appointment was made to fill the vacancy left by **Bob Clarke’s** decision to retire from the Committee at the end of 2022.

Inducted in the player category of the Hockey Hall of Fame’s *Class of 2012* and currently the President of Hockey Operations for the defending Stanley Cup champion Colorado Avalanche, Sakic was a first round pick of the Quebec Nordiques in the 1987 NHL Entry Draft and after 7 seasons he moved with the team to Colorado beginning with the 1995-96 campaign. He played his entire 20-year career with the same organization while serving as captain for 17 seasons and winning Stanley Cup championships in 1996 and 2001. An NHL First Team All-Star on three occasions, Sakic also played for Canada at three Olympic Games, winning gold and being named MVP in 2002.

“I wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to Bob for his distinguished service as a member of the Selection Committee over the past 9 years and at the same time we are thrilled to welcome Joe as our newest member,” said McDonald. “Consistent with his outstanding accomplishments, leadership and work ethic throughout his playing career and continuing in the executive office, Joe is highly regarded as one of the most knowledgeable and respected hockey personalities. His commitment and impact in the game will be a tremendous benefit to the Selection Committee’s mandate in preserving the Hall’s standards of excellence for election into Honoured Membership.”

As previously released in November, the 2023 selection proceedings will culminate with the Selection Committee’s annual meeting on **June 21 & 22, 2023** at which time all duly nominated candidates will be considered for election into Honoured Membership. The announcement of the new inductees will be made on **June 22, 2023** and the annual Induction Celebration will be held on **Monday, November 13, 2023**.

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The Hockey Hall of Fame (“HHOF”) was established in 1943 to honour and memorialize individuals who have brought special distinction to the game of hockey and those who made outstanding contributions to the development and advancement

of hockey anywhere in the world, and to collect, research, preserve, exhibit and promote objects, images and other historical materials connected with the game at all levels. As a not-for-profit corporation and registered charity, HHOF owns and operates a museum and place of entertainment offering state-of-the-art exhibits, theatrical presentations and educational programming from its premises at Brookfield Place, Toronto, and a multi-purpose archive, resource centre and research facility located at 400 Kipling Avenue, Toronto.

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## HOCKEY HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE

(Appointed as of January 11, 2023)

Mike Gartner, <i>Chair</i>	<i>Service since 2009</i>
David Branch	<i>Service since 2009</i>
Brian Burke	<i>Service since 2012</i>
Cassie Campbell-Pascall	<i>Service since 2019</i>
Mark Chipman	<i>Service since 2019</i>
Marc de Foy	<i>Service since 2012</i>
Ron Francis	<i>Service since 2016</i>
Cammi Granato	<i>Service since 2022</i>
Anders Hedberg	<i>Service since 2012</i>
Jari Kurri	<i>Service since 2016</i>
Igor Larionov	<i>Service since 2011</i>
Pierre McGuire	<i>Service since 2018</i>
Bob McKenzie	<i>Service since 2016</i>
Scott Morrison	<i>Commencing in 2023</i>
Mike Murphy	<i>Service since 2020</i>
David Poile	<i>Service since 2014</i>
Luc Robitaille	<i>Service since 2014</i>
Joe Sakic	<i>Commencing in 2023</i>

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Steve Dryden, *Director of Statistical Analysis and Data Services*